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Government



In 2010,* women held one-in-five (20%) elected local govern-

ment offices in Wisconsin, including on county, village, town and school boards, and city councils. Women held about one-in-ten (10%) leadership positions in local government.







There are still no women on many local governing boards, including:*

74% of Town Boards (937 of 1,258)

24% of Village Boards (96 of 404)

15% of City Councils (29 of 190)

5% of School Boards (23 of 427)

of County Boards (3 of 72)

Corporate



According to a new report from MilwaukeeWomeninc, women make up about one-in-seven (14%)

of Directors (60 of 430 seats) on the Boards of Directors of Wisconsin's 50 largest public companies. Thirteen of these 50 companies have no women Directors.

> "We know from experience that the participation of women on our board means a broader range of perspectives at the table. It is no surprise that research shows that financial performance excels for companies with female directors."

Patricia Leonard Kampling Chairman, President & CEO Alliant Energy Company as quoted in Measuring Change, 2013, MilwaukeeWomeninc



















In 2013, women hold one-in-four (25%) seats in the Wisconsin State Legislature — an overall share that is largely unchanged for the past quarter century.



In 1989, women in the Wisconsin State Legislature reached their high point of 37 total seats (Assembly and Senate) and again in 2003; currently women hold 33 total seats.

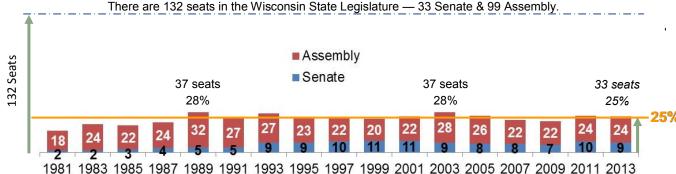


In 1989, women reached their high point of 32 seats in the Assembly; currently women hold 24 Assembly seats.

Notably, women hold office as Wisconsin's Lieutenant Governor and four of seven State Supreme Court Justices.



 \Diamond In 1999, women reached their highpoint of 11 seats in the Senate; currently women hold 9 Senate seats.



*Data are from 2010, most recent date for which data are available on women in local government in Wisconsin. Sources: Measuring Change 2013, MilwaukeeWomeninc (www.milwaukeewomeninc.org); Moving Wisconsin Forward: An Analysis of Wisconsin Women in Elected Office (2010) and Women in the Wisconsin Legislature, 2013 Update, Wisconsin Women's Council.

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